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Claim Listing

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

5 Claims 1-102. (Canceled)

103. (Currently Amended) An internally stented graft convertible between a compact configuration having a first diameter and an expanded configuration having a second, larger diameter, comprising:

10 at least one stent formed in a generally cylindrical shape having an outer surface and a hollow bore extending longitudinally therethrough, the stent being convertible between a compact configuration having a first diameter and an expanded configuration having a second, larger diameter;

15 a flexible, porous, biocompatible tubular PTFE graft co-axially disposed in contact with and adhered to the outer surface of the stent; and
a polymer coating on the stent to facilitate adherence of the stent to the tubular PTFE graft,
[[~~The internally stented graft of claim 100,~~]] wherein the tubular PTFE graft is formed of a plurality of concentric layers of helically-wound PTFE tape having a width of less than about one inch.

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104. (Previously presented) The internally stented graft of claim 103, wherein there are between about 6-8 revolutions per longitudinal inch of PTFE tape around the stent.

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105. (Previously presented) The internally stented graft of claim 103, wherein the PTFE tape is helically wound in two directions.